

WEED MANAGEMENT AND REVEGETATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTURBED AREAS IN CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA

I. PRIOR TO DISTURBANCE

- A. Provide the District with a description of the present use and condition of the area.
- B. Arrange a joint inspection of the area with the District to provide baseline information on noxious weeds present.
- C. If possible, provide a list of locations from which equipment will be moved, in coming to the proposed site.
- D. Provide to the District, for their approval, a plan of operation and reclamation procedures to be used in the control and prevention of noxious weeds on the site during and after the disturbance.

II. DURING OPERATION

- A. The entire area of operation, including any stockpiles of topsoil, overburden, gravel, and access routes, etc., shall be maintained in a noxious weed free condition.
- B. Prevention of the development of seed or other propagational parts by a method approved in the District's Noxious Weed Management Criteria, will constitute noxious weed free.

III. RECLAMATION

- A. The area shall be revegetated in accordance with the Montana Department of Natural Resources' specifications for compliance with the Opencut Mining Act, Title 82, Chapter 4, Part 4 MCA. Whenever possible and economically feasible, the disturbed area should be revegetated with the same type of desirable vegetation as the surrounding area. The landowner should also be contacted for his approval of species to be planted.
- B. Noxious weeds on the site shall be managed according to the most effective control method approved in the District's Noxious Weed Management Criteria for a period of two years after the date of reclamation completion. After two years the weed control responsibility reverts to the deeded landowner.